

1497

Cabot (England) sailed to Newfoundland

Portugal sent Vasco da Gama to India with a fleet of 4 sailing ships.

Vasco sailed far out across the Atlantic to reach the belts of trade winds to avoid being trapped in the Doldrums.

At a stop for water in MALINDI on the African coast, he picked up a Muslim navigator, Ibn Majid who helped him steer a route across the Indian Ocean to Calicut, a spice port on the Malabar coast. There he encountered

opposition from established Arab Merchants
who pressed the local Hindu ruler to
refuse him facilities or goods. But Vasco
managed to purchase a cargo of pepper
and cinnamon and returned to Lisbon
(having lost $\frac{1}{3}$ of his crew from scurvy)
2 yrs almost to the day after setting out!

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Da Gama's fleet had two 3-masted sailing ships, a 50 Ton caravel and a large storeship. After 4 mos, he rounded Cape of Good Hope & on Nov. 25 reached Mossel Bay where he erected a stone pillar (still there). Dec. 25 he sailed by province of Natal. Until at least 1700, Europe's farms suffered from shortage of winter feed for cattle. Horn #s were slaughtered in autumn &

pickled or salted. Salt, cheaper than spices,
came chiefly from Portugal, but in insufficient
quantity (much went for pickling fish); hence
the need for preservative spices; pepper from
India & East India, cinnamon from Ceylon;
nutmeg and mace from Celebes, and ginger
from China and the Malabar Coast

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Land - PRIMA VISTA, Cape BRETON
Island? Newfoundland?
was discovered by John and
Sebastian Cabot.

1897

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Italy

Death of Elijah Delmedigo

1497

The 1st important northern expeditions were led by John CABOT, an Italian navigator who entered service of Henry VII of England. In 1496 Henry commissioned him to describe new lands. Cabot & some Bristol merchants provided the capital for the voyage & in return were promised a monopoly of trade. On his 2nd voyage in 1497 Cabot landed somewhere on the coast of LABRADOR, Newfoundland or Cape Breton Island. This first recorded land-fall on the continent since the Norse voyage of Leif Ericsson c. 1000 is sometimes called the "intellectual" discovery.

of North America.

Cubot himself believed he had landed in Asia. He planted the English Standard and, although no permanent settlement was made there until 1605, his discovery was the basis of the English claim to North America and to rich Cod fisheries off Newfoundland.

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Perkin Warbeck Surrenders to Henry VII. He was a young Flemish boatman who arrived in Ireland in 1491. He was persuaded by Anglo-Irish Yorkists to assume the identity of Richard, Duke of York, one of the Princes murdered in the Tower of London and lay claim to Henry's Crown. Perkin had backing of Emperor Maximilian I, Charles VIII of France, Margaret of Burgundy & James III of Scotland. By the time he landed in Dover in Aug. 1497, Henry had executed several English Yorkist leaders. ∴ Perkin found little support in England. He returned to Ireland where his

cause was defeated by Edward Poyning, and he was then taken up by James IV of Scotland. Two Scottish raids on England (in 1496 & 1497), were easily deflected, and Warbeck's last adventure, a landing in Cornwall in Sept 1497, when he proclaimed himself Richard III, was a fiasco. Warbeck's international allies had faded away. He briefly took sanctuary in Beaulieu Abbey but then surrendered and was imprisoned. After 2 failed escape attempts, he was executed in 1499. With him died the last Yorkist challenge for the English Crown.

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India.

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During a Carnival in Florence
at the instigation of Savonarola,
Florentine Citizens, threw paintings
and other worldly vanities into
public bonfires. In that yr (1497)
Savonarola was excommunicated for
refusing to stop preaching against the
pope; still he refused, and the pope
threatened to place Florence itself

under edit

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Ottoman Empire

1497 onwards - refugees
from Portugal were welcomed
by the Sultans.

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Jan 17th

Ottoman Empire

death of Moses Capsali

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Newfoundland

A British Colony in North America
comprising the island of Newfoundland
and its dependency LABRADOR.

Newfoundland was discovered by John
Cabot for the English in 1497.

English, French, Spanish, and
Portuguese cod fisheries were
established there.

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John Cabot rediscovered
Newfoundland in 1497 and
claimed it for his patron
King Henry VII of England

1497

Jews were expelled from
Portugal

May 2, 1497

John Cabot set sail from Bristol
in the 50 ton Matthew

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John Cabot landed at Nova
Scotia.

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Cubot reached America

Dec. 25, 1497

Da Gama had rounded the
cape and was heading North
on the southeast coast of Africa.
He called the place NATAL
because he stopped there
on Christmas day.

24 JUNE 1497

CABOT DISCOVERED
CANADA

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South America was
discovered by VESPUCCI

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CABOT

Rediscovered NEWFOUNDLAND,
first sighted by Norsemen
in 11th century.

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Michelangelo's "BACCHUS"
sculpture